

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Administrator has received complete applications for renewal of water pollution control discharge permits #NEV91055 and #NEV92040 from the following respective applicants:

Applicant One:

The Mirage Hotel Casino
3400 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89177

The applicant operates a reverse osmosis water treatment plant which receives pumped groundwater from the sump in the valet tunnel. This water is used directly in the large water feature volcano lake or in landscape irrigation including the Mirage Atrium; it may also be combined and blended with water from the Treasure Island water treatment system for use in water features and hotel landscape irrigation. The final disposal of the treated water effluent is via evaporation in the water features and by landscape irrigation at the Mirage and Treasure Island properties. The R.O. reject brine water is discharged to the sanitary sewer under permit with the City of Las Vegas. There will be no adverse effect to groundwater. The permit renewal will be for a five (5) year period.

Applicant Two:

Treasure Island Corporation
3300 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89177

The applicant operates a water treatment plant which treats both high TDS groundwater and effluent gray water from the hotel. This treated water is blended for use in water features and hotel landscape irrigation to showcase the property's conservation efforts. The final disposal of the treated water effluent is via evaporation in the water features and by landscape irrigation at the Mirage and Treasure Island properties. There will be no adverse effects to groundwater. The permit renewal will be for a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue the two permits to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of newspaper publication by June 15, 2004 either in person, by mail or FAX to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706

All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Icyll Mulligan of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9432, or FAX. at 775.687.4684. The public notice and fact are available on the following Web site: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.